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Filed : HEREWITH )  
For : MEDICAL CONNECTOR )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to considering the above-captioned application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first sentence with the following: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/473,524, filed June 7, 1995, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/424,237, filed April 19, 1995, which was a file wrapper continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/279,247, filed July 21, 1994, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/020,098, filed February 19, 1993, now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,344,414, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/346,193, filed January 9, 1987, which was a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 06/606,679, filed May 3, 1984, now abandoned, which was a

~~"This application is a continuation~~  
~~of U.S. Patent 5,776,116~~  
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